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TRANSMITTAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/954,904 filed September 18, 2001
First Named Inventor: ZHANG ET AL
Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVED ADMINISTRATION
OF ANALGESICS**
Group Art Unit: 1616
Attorney Docket No.: 01508-24055.CIP2

Sir/Madam:

Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 1.97 is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Enclosed also are the following designated documents, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and 1.98:

- ☒ Form **PTO/SB/08A** list of 8 references submitted for consideration.
- ☒ Legible copies of the listed non-patent documents, unpublished U.S. applications and foreign documents or their relevant portions are included.
- ☐ All English translations of each non-English reference, if any, within the possession, custody, control or availability of anyone designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(c)).

The following are included within the Information Disclosure Statement if applicable and as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

- ☐ Concise explanation of relevance of each reference not in English and unaccompanied by an English translation.

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- ☐ Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) or (2).
- ☐ Check No. _____, which includes the amount of \$ _____ (amount in § 1.17(p)) constituting the submission fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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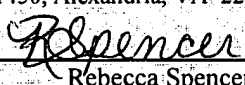
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), the enclosed Form **PTO/SB/08A** which contains a list of all patents, publications, or other items that have come to the attention of one or more of the individuals designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). Applicant respectfully submits that this Information Disclosure statement is filed pursuant to:

☒ 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), (3) or (4), within three months of the filing date of the application or request for RCE, or before a first office action on the merits, whichever occurs last;

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While no representation is made that any of these references may be “prior art” within the
meaning of that term in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 102 or 103, the enclosed list of references
is disclosed so as to comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent
office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record
believes that the references listed, together with any other references which may have been
previously submitted or listed, are the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of
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☒ A legible copy of each of the listed non-patent literature, unpublished U.S.
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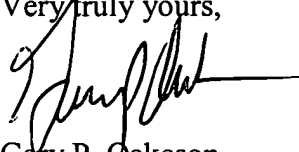
☐ Copies of the references listed in the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A and
PTO/SB/08B are NOT enclosed because, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98.(d), they were previously cited
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Dated December *19*, 2007.

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